

Bank of America today announced that effective immediately the bank will stop foreclosure actions nationwide pending an internal review of foreclosure documents. The announcement comes less than one day after [Chairman Towns called on](#) the ten largest mortgage banks and lenders to immediately and voluntarily suspend foreclosure proceedings in all 50 states and the District of Columbia until the banks complete internal investigations into their company’s mortgage servicing and foreclosure practices.

From the NY Times’ David Streitfeld:

“[Bank of America](#) , the country’s largest bank, said on Friday that it was halting all foreclosure proceedings and sales of foreclosed homes indefinitely.

“[The action](#) by the bank is likely to increase pressure on other lenders to declare their own moratoriums. Lawmakers and state law enforcement officials have been widely calling for such halts.

“[Representative Edolphus Towns](#) , the New York Democrat who is chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, applauded Bank of America’s move and said, ‘I expect to see every other responsible banking institution follow their lead.’”

Read more from the New York Times [here](#) .